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## TJC topples NO. 1 Blinn

The Apaches toppled #1 ranked Blinn, do they have what it takes to defeat Navarro and win a conference championship?



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## Veterans face challenges when returning home

Soldiers have hard time fitting back in society after traumatic experiences

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On June 22, President Obama announced that he will be bringing 10,000 troops home from Afghanistan no later than Dec. 31.

For many veterans, this declaration means a safe return home and more time with their families. However, for some, it is an unsettling event — to be forced back into normal, everyday society after seeing war.

"When you come back from war, there's a six-

month window," said Jeremy Hicks, undergraduate, nursing major, honorably discharged. "You'll find out if you have PTSD. You'll find things out that things will bother you. For me, the TJC bell or an alarm that goes off almost freaks me out because when I was over there all I heard were the alarms going off and then rockets coming in at me."

Post-traumatic stress disorder is a type of anxiety disorder. It can occur after you've seen or experienced a traumatic event that involved the threat of injury or death.

"I don't have PTSD, but those are triggers of it. It's not having PTSD. It's that thought in your mind saying 'Hey, get ready cause you might be dying right now.'"

According to the PubMed Health, the cause of PTSD is unknown.

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Above: Debra McLaughlin, Lucia McElveen and Jeremy Hicks, A TJC student is seen posing on duty.

### SPECIAL feature

## CAN THEY BE STOPPED?



Photos by Adam Peterson

KICKING AND SCREAMING:

Tyler Junior College's men's and women's soccer teams have proven that they belong among the ranks of the junior college elite this season by earning region titles.

## Men's and women's teams dominate in Mississippi, head to Phoenix for nationals

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On Friday, Nov. 4 2011, the undefeated 21-0 Lady Apaches and the 17-1-2 Men's Apache soccer teams dominated Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in the District E Championship to earn their third consecutive appearance, in the NJCAA Division I National Tournament.

The Lady Apaches where cruising to victory with a 3-0 lead with 14 minutes remaining in the game, but MSGCC refused to give up with a goal from Taylor Walker with 10 minutes remaining. However, Cayla Cortez responded with a goal within the final four minutes of the game to solidify their 4-1 victory over MSGCC.

The men's team was in control from the start of the game. They did not allow MSGCC to score a single goal. In the second half of the game with, one minute remaining, Iko De Oliveira gave Jose France an assist to give the Apaches a 5-0 victory over MSGCC.

"This is a solid young team," said Steve Clements, head coach of the Men's soccer team. "This group has done a great job of working hard to get to this point."

For the third consecutive time the men's team have won the District E Championship. They are currently ranked third in the nation.

"We have a lot of experience on our side, and we have a lot of depth. Our depth, makes up for any short comings that we do have," said Chris Handy, men's assistant coach.

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## TJC 'shoots' down the flu this season

Clinic offers free services to help stop flu epidemic

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Waking up in the morning in absolute pain with a headache, stuffy nose and continuously singing to the toilet because of the flu is not a good feeling.

In an effort to stop a flu epidemic from occurring at TJC, the college is giving out free flu shots to students.

"It's a free vaccine," said Stephanie Eijsink, M.D. at East Texas Medical Center First Physicians Clinic Tyler Junior College.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by the influenza virus. It can cause mild to severe illness and at times can lead to death. Many individuals

"We want to keep the flu from spreading on campus"

-Stephanie Eijsink  
Medical Doctor, ETMC First Physicians Clinic Tyler Junior College

such as young children, senior citizens, and people with certain health conditions are susceptible for serious flu complications. The most effective way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated each year.

The 2011-2012 flu vaccine will protect against the three influenza viruses that research indicates will be most common during the season, which is anywhere from late November through March. This includes an influenza A (H1N1) virus, an influenza A (H3N2) virus, and an influenza B virus.

"We want to keep the flu from spreading on campus," said Eijsink.

Eijsink explained that the flu vaccine helps the human body build up its own antibodies. When the virus attempts to infect the body, the immune system will be strong enough to fight it off.

Many people think that they can get the flu from the vaccine. However, this accusation is false.

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column

## Coming home with more than war wounds



By Daisy Valle  
Editor-In-Chief

After months of intense training, our soldiers are ready to depart overseas. Many leave with the sense that it is their duty to their country and many leave in hopes to do something honorable with their lives.

The consequence of war on a soldier's mind is irreparable damage in my opinion, and the reparations that are given don't come close to making up for the fact that they don't return home the same.

According to the Veterans Affairs (VA), an average of 18 veterans commit suicide each and everyday, and the biggest catalyst for this statistic is Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

PTSD is a severe anxiety disorder that can develop after exposure to any event that results in psychological trauma. And according to the helpguide.org, the symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) can arise suddenly, gradually,

### Soldiers experience mental stress from duty

or come and go over time. Sometimes symptoms appear seemingly out of the blue. At other times, they are triggered by something that reminds you of the original traumatic event, such as a noise, an image, certain words, or a smell. While everyone experiences PTSD differently, there are three main types of symptoms: Re-experiencing the traumatic event, avoiding reminders of the trauma, and increased anxiety and emotional arousal.

I had a friend who returned after being overseas, and it wasn't a smooth

her. But after some time, was constantly on edge and looking over his shoulder. It made her so uneasy that she called it off.

Veterans receive so many benefits once they are back home including these programs, five years of cost-free health care; VA pays benefits to eligible Veterans, reservists and active duty service members while they are in an approved education or training program. Veterans also receive a GI Bill if interested in returning to college. The VA also provides, if you have served in any combat zone,

local vet centers can help you and your family with readjustment counseling and outreach services for free.

With all these benefits, it still makes me wonder if it's really worth the traumatic events they endure. I know of an honorably discharged marine that came back to work in welding, makes a good living, and is perfectly stable but still remembers the mistreatment of his fellow veterans and himself.

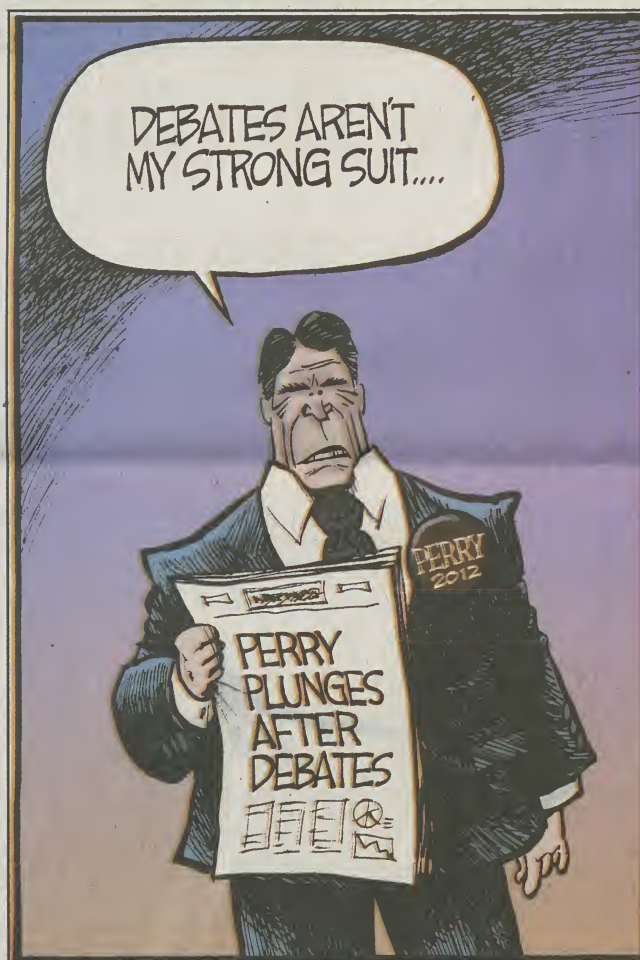
When it comes down to it, I don't feel that our veterans can receive any amount of money or benefits to make up for the fact that they endured so much trauma.

**"I also had a friend who started dating a newly discharged marine; his characteristics were described to me like a newly released prisoner."**

-Daisy Valle  
Editor in chief, The Apache Pow Wow

transition. In conversation, he would become extremely irritated and start loudly disagreeing. He wasn't the same person I had grown up with.

I also had a friend who started dating a newly discharged marine; his characteristics were described to me like a newly released prisoner. At first, it was refreshing to her to have the courtesy of opening doors and being protective of



editorial

## Hitting it rich at teens expense

### Television and the media portray pregnancy in a positive light

"Teen mom and 16 & Pregnant" are TV shows that are supposed to portray the life of being pregnant as a teenager. Long, hard, and exhausting in most cases. However, it seems that after their season is over they glamorize the idea of being pregnant by telling the world how much money they received. That's completely hypocritical. By glamorizing the idea of being pregnant, teenagers that watch this type of show are influenced to get pregnant young.

There has always been a theory that what you watch on TV is how you become. Watching a pregnancy show at a young age can possibly contribute to sexual activity in the future. Think of a younger sister that watches these shows unknowingly or as with her sibling. They are being influenced to become pregnant young so they get some extra cash.

The perspective changes on society when shows like this enhance what we have always learned is time consuming and a

big mistake while young. The big idea of this show has a good principle, but after the season is over, getting showered with money does not seem like true reality. They are getting money for a mistake they made that most people will not get.

Why not have shows about a couple trying to have their first kid together, now that would be more like reality without setting a bad influence. Normal teen mothers would be embar-

assed to have a TV camera following them everywhere they went during this time. With this show being considered reality, the teen mothers should not be getting the amount of money that they are getting.

These shows about the "true reality" of being a young mother should either not glamorize the amount of money they get or not give them the money at all. Make it about the mother wanting young girls to not make her same mistake, not be on TV and get attention and cash over a mistake.

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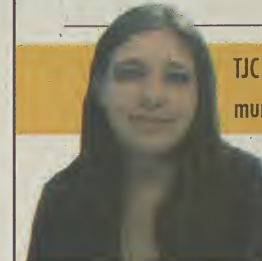
A QUALITY EDUCATION:  
"Learning" Week 5 issue 5



Alejandro Alfaro  
TJC Student

SOPHOMORE

"I like the way TJC teaches and I've learned a lot since I have been here. I'm originally from John Tyler and people would come over all the time and talk about the programs they have here. I am an art major, and the art department is a place where I learned the skills that will allow me to teach one day in the field."

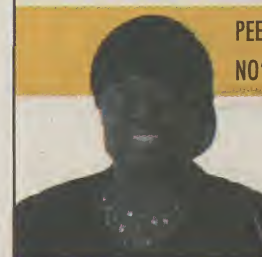


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Allie Callaway  
TJC Student

FRESHMAN

"TJC is awesome how they have had many bake sales and snow cone sales for the girl who needed an heart transplant. I've heard a lot of good thing about TJC when I was in high school and overall everything that I've heard was true. If I had time, I would help out. It's actually, what I do. I'm glad that I made the choice to go here."



PEER-PRESSURE: "Learning to just say NO" Week 5 issue 5

Siarra Smith  
TJC Student

FRESHMAN

"When you first get into school, you are thinking, I need to get to school and learn and everyone is calling and texting you saying, 'there's a party over here and a party over there.' You find yourself thinking should I go study or party? The bad thing is, that when you do go party, you don't get time to study and don't know anything on the test you have the next morning. Students need to learn to put their work first and party second."

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# 1950-1959

## Living it up in the 1950's

By Gary Durham  
Staff Writer



1951

Color TV  
invented

From "rocking it out" in the Teepee to celebrating victories week after week, the '50s marked Tyler Junior College's dominance in sports as well as its new-found love for rock n' roll.

TJC alumnus, Nancy Lunceford was right in the middle of all the hype. She said the school's enrollment was about 400 students with about 40 teachers, all proud-spirited and full of excitement.

"The school was so small that there was a lot of school spirit," said Lunceford. "We students would stay out late after games and go to class early the next day."

Lunceford was also an Apache Belle and strongly supported the sports teams at TJC. In fact, she had a rather close connection with one of the players on the football team.

"I met my husband at TJC," said Lunceford. "He was the captain of the football team, then later went on to play for Baylor, followed by the Arizona Cardinals of the NFL."

TJC alumnus Gene Staples was also apart of TJC's dominant decade of sports. He played wide receiver for the Apaches and contributed to their 12-0 season that led to a National Championship.

"Our school had an enrollment of 2,200, when I went there, and the other team's school had 44,000," said Staples. "We had a lot of talent, though, and Coach Floyd Wagstaff was a winner."

Staples said that Coach Wagstaff was the head coach who started a winning tradition that brought more and more students to TJC to play sports.

"In 1951, Coach started winning championships in basketball and football, and players started coming," said Staples. "It was always my dream to play for TJC."

Staples said that the staff of TJC was very beneficial to the success of the sports programs.

"Our teachers really special people, we had a close relationship with them," said Staples. "When my teammates would have trouble with grades,

Coach Wagstaff would help them get into major colleges."

According to Staples, school spirit was abundant at TJC. They had creative ways of supporting their players as well as a strong tradition.

"We had a light that burned bright at our school, and when we would win, the light would burn yellow for that week. It burned yellow all season long," said Staples. "We also had great pep rallies and bon fires where we got to know everybody."

For Lunceford, rock n' roll was the start of a new lifestyle. She and other students became addicted to the new genre of music.

"Sometimes we would skip class, go to the Teepee where we could dance and do 'The Jitterbug' to rock n' roll music," said Lunceford. "It was so new and different that we wanted to hear more of it. Nothing we had heard ever came close to rock."

Although Lunceford and her classmates were often "rocking it out," they were far from wild and out of control.

"The women weren't allowed to wear pants, so we wore dresses and heels and men wore suits and ties," said Lunceford. "Nobody ever complained about dress code because we just wore the appropriate clothing all the time."

In addition, Lunceford and her classmates had not yet picked up the habits that so many students today have a problem with.

"Times were good throughout the country. There wasn't so much drugs and drinking," said Lunceford. "We didn't have to wear lanyards either. We didn't have anything like that."

Lunceford described her years at TJC as a simple and innocent time, and Staples said that TJC never left their hearts.

"TJC meant so much to us that we all wanted our kids and grand kids to go there," said Staples. "We had a '50s reunion September of 2010 and everyone still felt the same way about the school."

1952

Polio cured



1953

Stalin dies

1954

Segregation  
illegal



1955

Rosa Parks  
arrested

1957

Sputnik launched



1958

NASA est.



Photos courtesy of Betty Briggs

**A GROWING CAMPUS:** From this arial view of Jenkins Hall, it is easy to gain a sense of how much Tyler Junior College has grown since the 1950's



## TJC offers many paths towards academic success

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Tyler Junior College Sophomore and Journalism major, Glenda Alvarado feels like TJC is a good fit for her.

"I feel comfortable with the amount of people that go to TJC and because there are a variety of people," Alvarado said.

Alvarado may not be the only person who feels that way. A Sept. 22 press release announced that total fall enrollment had reached a historic 12,062. This was attributed to a special 12-week session that met the demands of more students. The release also included a statement from TJC President Dr. Mike Metke.

"Our course offerings continue to be in great demand, even to the extent that we were unable to accommodate every student for the regular Fall semester," Dr. Metke said. "With the establishment of the additional 12-week term, we were able to accommodate most, if not all, of the students who wish to be enrolled at TJC this Fall."

Dr. Butch Hayes, TJC Provost, also attributes the addition of a 12-week session as a cause of growth.

"I would expect that the choices we gave students with the 16 weeks and then following with the 12 week session increased enrollment, for those that were a little late in coming to registration," Hayes said. "Staff worked very hard to have mini-registrations and those helped a lot."

Because of the higher enrollment, class size in some subjects may also increase next semester.

"We will match the class size with the kind of class it is," Hayes said. "You put 40 students in a speech class and students will never do a speech."

According to Hayes some classes must also stay small in

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TJC Provost

order to receive accreditation.

"We realize that some classes have to stay small. In the medical program, those classes have to be small because of accreditation standards," Hayes said. "We don't want classes too large that a student can't have a good learning environment."

According to Hayes, lecture classes can be bigger than lab classes, which are more hands-on. Also, computer classes can limit the amount of students who can attend because of the amount of equipment.

TJC must also keep or increase its enrollment at the same level for next year.

"The college has a goal to keep our enrollment at the same

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## What you don't know about Sign Language

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Sign language is universal; it is the only language that is completely performed. Patterns in fiction can be observed in real world examples, and the struggle sign language has endured is a prime case of that.

"When I was born deaf, my parents wanted me to learn orally, but at that time they were involved in the deaf community, so I went to the deaf club and I kept picking up sign language, so they permitted me to learn sign language when I was about 2 years old," said Laura Hill, a professor at Tyler Junior College.

The deaf formally received teaching in the 18th century, however it was more driven toward integration rather than acceptance. The theory behind this thought process is oralism, which seeks to teach the deaf through lip reading and spoken language. The year was 1867 and the Clark School for the Deaf opened in Massachusetts, this facility believed it was easier to train the deaf orally through mimicking mouth shapes and breathing patterns instead of through sign language. Focused mainly on integrating the deaf into the hearing community, the Oralist side of the spectrum does not allow any form of sign language in the classroom.

"American Sign Language is a foreign language," said Professor McKinzie, Department Chair - Sign Language Interpreting, explaining the difference between ASL and the English language being signed. "The true language for the deaf is ASL."

Like everything, there is always another side to the story, the Manualism viewpoint. Manualism practices education for the deaf through the use of sign language as the primary means of communication. William Stokoe, an English professor from Gallaudet University, was the first major lobbyist for the Manualistic thought process. In 1955, he observed signing being done in his classroom and instantly became fascinated. He published the book "Seeing Language in Sign" which goes into depth on the reasons why ASL is a legitimate language.

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## The Birds & The Bees

### Students look for their significant others while attending TJC

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College not only serves as a place to get a degree but also a place to find a person's significant other. On campus there is an array of young men and women who are ready to experience life in one way or another. Depending on the person he or she may be ready for a relationship, want just the relations without the 'ship' or they may want to remain friends. Some students may have a hard time distinguishing between the three. If you are the person that's ready for a relationship, here's how you win your man or woman.

Determine what catches your eye:

Though it may seem shallow, appearance is everything. Keeping yourself up and maintaining good hygiene is one of the most important things a person can do. Guys and girls determine whether or not a person is attractive by just a small glance. Within three seconds people can determine if you're worth a second look.

Glenda Alvarado, a sophomore at TJC, expressed just what it takes for a young man to catch her eye. "Appearance. It sounds shallow but that's what catches my eye first."

Chris Plummer said "beautiful hair and nice eyes," catch his eye while Arshay Taylor said his preference was, "A smile, I like women with beautiful teeth."

Others like Carlos Garcia, sophomore, said, "If you're beautiful then I'm like, I have to speak."

Characteristics are the main things people look for in a person:

Once people figure out the person that they are looking at has the appearance they're longing for, they move on to personality. Personality is a big part of the process. College students say that personality can determine whether they make the next move or not.

Taylor likes for his girls to display who they really are in the very beginning. "Be yourself...if you're corny come at me being corny."

Emily Ellis, freshman at TJC said, "I need someone that can make me laugh and who's a gentleman."

Martin Rodriguez sophomore said "I want to see what she's like, her personality and the way she can act in front of me, and see if she's not afraid to act like herself."

Know the difference:

Many college students may define college as the time to have fun while some see it as an opportunity to



Photo by Sharika Mumphrey

**ROGER STUDENTS CENTER** Dalisha O'Neal, sophomore and Termaine Brown, freshman, express their love while in front of the Rogers Student Center.

find their life long partners or something close to it.

"You got girls that let you go on the first night, then you have girls that give you that time to where you can make them your girlfriend. You'll pretty much know though," said DeAndre Simmons, sophomore.

"It just depends on what girl you go after if you see one with like a booty or something then your first thought will be I just want to hook up with her, but if you see someone sophisticated and dressed nicely than you'll think about her in more of a relationship type way," said Garcia.

Some like Chris Horace, sophomore, said "My girlfriend would be the one to isolate herself from others, study, be alone, know when to say hi and give hugs," said Horace.

Know when to move on:

Ever sit beside the guy who just got a text and starts ranting about it because it wasn't the person he wanted to hear from? Don't be that person on the other end.

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campusSCENE

## "Really?" Booty, Booty, Booty Rockin' Everywhere



Photos by TJC Student

**LOOKING FOR TREASURE:** A student is seen in Wise Administration Building at TJC. He is caught in the act.

**What "Really" Is...**

Ever had those moments when all you can say is "Really??" Have you ever had that roommate that gets on your ever last nerve? Hair in the sink, dirty laundry thrown everywhere? Or even a squirrel attacking you?

Well, if you answered yes to any of these questions then we want to hear from you and we want those photos too!

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## LEARNING

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"Seeing Language in Sign" traces the process that Stokoe followed to prove scientifically and unequivocally that American Sign Language (ASL) meets the full criteria of linguistics phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics and use of language to be classified a fully developed language," according to gal-laudet.edu.

Like ideals of Freudian theory can be to film, comics, literature, and in-turn to real world examples. Things like pens and guns would be phallic symbols, better described as performative; while cameras and paper would be yannic or representational. Why are photographers always portrayed as feminine or a feminized man? Why does anyone with a gun suddenly appear much more masculine? Why after most shootings do they find the shooters have suffered from extensive sexual frustrations?

This thought process could be applied to the "Oralist vs. Manualist" debate. The oralist thought process is very representational in its' core, while the manualist way of doing things is without a doubt extremely performative. Signing must be performed, and it seems in this case the deaf's opinion was finally heard.

## DATING

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There are most certainly times when someone wishes they could read the opposite sex's mind.

If a person is ignoring your text, calls or even you...let it go. Student's say they don't want to be mean so ignoring them may be the best possible outcome.

Billy Tompkins sophomore said, "I just make my conversation short with them and they'll get it sooner or later."

"I just ignore them," said Natalie Cornelio

For others that approach seems a little harsh.

Sean Hawthorne said "I usually let them know because I know that not talking to them anymore is mean and you know that just leaves them confused."

"Be nice but you have to get straight to the point you cant beat around the bush because then they'll think your trying to do something else with them," said Garcia

Its human nature for people to be attracted to ones they can't have, some people just have to know when to move on

Be yourself:

When a person doesn't think being himself or herself is enough, they often result to trying to change themselves to get someone to notice them. Students at TJC don't respond well to pretenders.

"Don't look desperate try to be my friend first...even though a girls pretty I still get to know them before I think about dating them," said Hawthorne.

Garcia said, "just be yourself, I'd appreciate you being yourself then being someone your not."

Most importantly as Ellis said, "be confident but not cocky."

## ENROLLING

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"The college has a goal to keep our enrollment as the same since last spring or increase it," Hayes said. "If we don't stay at the same level, then we have to answer to the state of Texas for giving us money based on the population that we

had last year."

Hayes also has hopes for more night classes and to start classes that will occur on both Friday and Saturday. This is to assist students who may also be working.

"I hope there will be more night

classes," Hayes said. "My goal personally, and I am working with the deans to make sure this happens, is that we have more night classes and more classes on Friday and Saturday. So that students can work and just come to school."

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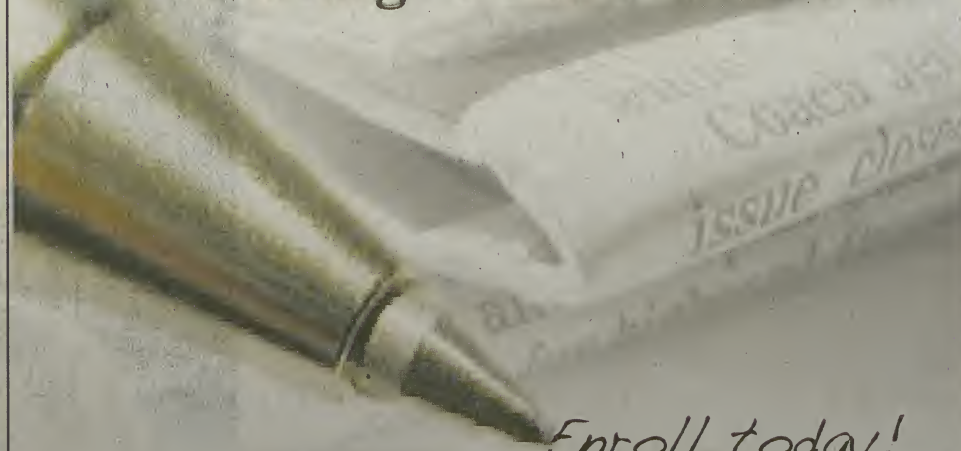
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## Really?

### Hollywood needs to chill

By Taylor Griffin and Adam Peterson  
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With all of the recent hubbub floating around in the media, I need a little space to vent. I cannot fathom how much American society is wrapped up in the garbage that has happened to a few celebrities in the past few weeks, but this column is fair game, so I can and will take advantage of it.

First off, I am sure everyone has heard of the tempests the “lovely” Kim Kardashian is facing in her life right now. She had to endure the title Mrs. Kris Humphries for a grueling seventy-two days and simply could not stand it any longer. Let’s all take a moment of silence for the brain cells that just died in her head while she rolls in the piles of money she made off the “fairy tale” wedding.

I am positively floored to think that her family is famous for being, well, famous. She spends millions of dollars on this magical wedding and sells the publicity to the E! channel. My advice to Miss Priss? Develop some class or at least add it to your fourth grade vocabulary.

Another burr that has been in my saddle lately is the whole Justin Bieber paternity scandal. If you have not heard, Mariah Yeater, now twenty years old, claims that Justin Bieber is the father of her three-month-old baby as a result of a fling at a concert. Of course, Bieber, only seventeen years old, is denying it.

Let me be honest for a moment. Staying true to my sadistic sense of humor, I am keeping my fingers crossed in hopes that the test turns out to be positive. At least the “Beebs” has a song already for this occasion (eh-hem, “Baby”). If you have not already seen Jimmy Fallon’s parody of the song pertaining to this situation, I urge you to do so. He is perhaps a better Bieber than the original.

My predictions say that this “tragedy” will be the end of the Bieber era (thank goodness) and probably the end of many preteen lives.

Another point that makes me cringe is an announcement that was made earlier this

week. Apparently, the American population needs one more Duggar. Yes, you guessed it. Mrs. Duggar along with her legion of kids announced her pregnancy with her twentieth child. Truly, I do not need to explain why this announcement makes me shake my head.

The last point of annoyance may not be as recognized as the others. “F\*\*\* the FBI and the U.S. Army troops” has become a not-so-popular lyric of the rapper (a term I use very loosely) Soulja Boy in one of his latest songs “Let’s be Real.” So OK, let’s be real here for a second, Soulja Boy. That is one hell of a bold statement coming from possibly the biggest one hit wonder of the decade. The guy comes out with “Crank that Soulja Boy,” a song that’s popularity never spread farther than a sophomore high school class.

Let me break this song down for you. Immediately after putting down the troops, Soulja Boy puts the troops’ manhood into question. In the same song, he raps about being Peter Pan, flying through the air because nothing proves your masculinity like green spandex and your best pal Tink by your side. Which brings me to point number two.

For those of you who did not already know, this “gangster” Soulja Boy has a song with Justin Bieber entitled “Rich Gurl.” Did I spell that right? I’d say think before you put your dumb (expletive deleted) thoughts on paper, you ignorant, self-loathing, dancing-like-an-epileptic-at-a-disco, worthless sack of (insert profound adjective here). I am sure that the Army troops are shaking in their boots because of the lyrics pouring out of an 85-pound wannabe rapper with the attention span of my pet goldfish.

If you really think you are the gangster you say you are, I would like to cordially invite you to the nearest V.A. center and bring a camera because the footage of you getting your teeth kicked in by a group of 90-year-old WWII vets should go over great with Gucci Mane and the rest of your 4th grade

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## TJC students reel in big profits from art auction

By Jennifer Melton  
Staff Writer

Art students Amber Hernandez and David Brown sold their paintings for a total value over \$700 at the art walk in Jenkins Hall.

Comment sheets were placed among the ongoing paintings to give advice or simply compliment the artists for their efforts.

“We’ve had comment sheets next to the piece to give them feedback,” said Derrick White, art professor of TJC. “It’s generally very positive.”

Both students were the lucky ones to stand out from the crowd and become recognized by buyers and auctioneers who wanted their artwork. In fact, Brown sold his “Space Cadet” to one buyer for \$600. The piece gives off a “Pulp Fiction” vibe to the viewer, and fans of pulp science would know how Brown received inspiration for this piece from the original 1934 Flash Gordon series. Out of all illustrations of pulp science, Flash Gordon has been celebrated for over sev-

enty years with its colorful richness. This piece from the retired Army veteran has been a tribute to the ‘30s era.

“That was another thing about the pulp illustration was that you had to have the colors just pop out at you in order to grab people’s attention,” said Brown.

From pulp illustrations to personal worth, another painting on display is one of a peacock that came from a special art student, Amber Hernandez. Growing up in Dallas Amber had spent some time with her grandfather, who inspired the art.

“We chased them around for fun, but we never caught them,” said Hernandez, art student.

From a Mexican descendent, Hernandez’ grandpa not only spent the cherished time with his granddaughter but also was a musician.

“He played the guitar, and he sang a little bit in a Mexican band back in the ‘70s,” said Hernandez.

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SAVING THE DAY: Above: Art student David Brown’s “Space Cadet” sold for \$600. Photo by Jennifer Melton

## NYC trip offers new way of earning college credit

By Hannah Hervieux  
Staff Writer

Teri Klauser, musical theatre major, said one of her most thrilling experiences was meeting Broadway star Kristen Chenoweth during a TJC class trip to New York City.

“This trip was so exciting, I learned so much and loved all the plays we got to see,” she said.

Dr. David W. Crawford, TJC theater professor, will be offering another trip to New York for students needing a fine arts credit. The class is categorized as Theatre Appreciation, Summer I. Sign-ups for the trip are going on now. The dates for the trip will be June 5-10.

Theater manager and professor at TJC Jacob Davis has been on the trip three times. He attended once as a student at TJC, and twice just in his own free time.

“I’ve had nothing but good experiences when I went,” Davis said. “Hands down, out of any classes I’ve taken, I got the most out of this course. It truly is experiencing firsthand what theater teachers teach.”

Teri Klauser, musical theatre major who

previously went on the trip, said, “I would advise students to take this class even if they have already taken their fine arts credit. I didn’t even know I was interested in theatre until I saw my first play.”

The first month enrolled, students will researching plays, planning activities and getting to know one another. The majority of content for this class happens in one week in New York City.

“Most theatre teachers here refer to the ‘New York method.’ We want to do theatre at the quality and style that’s done on Broadway. This trip offers more than I could ever teach them from a textbook, they see first hand what to expect,” said Crawford.

While in New York, students will see Broadway shows and participate in workshops led and critiqued by successful producers and actors.

Whitney Rodgers, musical theatre major, will be going on the trip this year for her first time. “As much as I’m looking forward to the Broadway shows, I am most excited about the workshops. Being entertained will be great,

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MOVIE REVIEW

## BUFFALO CHIPS

By Taylor Griffin  
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A whirlwind of antics, robberies, and cracking jokes all mashed up in the typical Ben Stiller style add up to make the new action-comedy “Tower Heist,” released on Nov. 4.

The movie follows Josh Kovacs (Ben Stiller), manager of a swanky condominium high rise in New York City, as he deals with a crisis that has affected his entire staff. The billionaire investor of The Tower has embezzled millions of dollars, a small portion being the life savings of all the staff members. Along with characters played by Casey Affleck, Matthew Broderick, and Michael Peña, Josh Kovacs teams ups with newly-bailed-out-of-jail Slide (Eddie Murphy) to rob the billionaire’s fully-loaded penthouse to get their just desserts. These acts, mishaps, and somewhat-false assumptions lead to a pretty interesting twist in the end.

Honestly, I was rather excited to see this

movie, considering the big names plastered all over the posters I have seen lately, and it seemed like a fairly original plot line. After all, the director, Brett Ratner, worked on movies such as the “Rush Hour” series and “Horrible Bosses.” However, while I still enjoyed the experience, the flick left something to be desired, and for the life of me, I cannot seem to put my finger on it.

“Tower Heist” is one of few movies where “delightful” and “crappy” could exist in the same sentence without defaming it completely. It was not a bad movie, but like most of the PG-13 action comedies that try to win back affection of a bored audience, it was just OK—no more, no less.

With that comment being said, the writing and dialogue in this movie is genius. The humor it possessed carried the audience the whole time—including me. Not many films nowadays

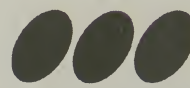
have that ability, and for that fact, I gave it a thumbs up.

Unfortunately, I was slightly disappointed with Ben Stiller’s choice in taking this role, knowing his amazing potential. Even his fake New York accent cracked a few times and had no one convinced that his character grew up in the same ‘hood as Eddie Murphy’s. While it was a typical Stiller character (lately), I am dying to see more from him that I have not seen in a while. What happened to the days of Greg Focker and Derek Zoolander—the glory of the Stiller era?

This flick also seemed to bring back some faces that have not graced—and I use the word lightly—the silver screen in a while. It was nice to actually see that Matthew Broderick is still alive and not totally eclipsed by his wife and bread-winner, Sarah Jessica Parker.

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## TOWER HEIST





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## ENTERTAINMENT

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### Give Santa the bird...



By Christopher Jones  
Associate Editor

Halloween is finally over, and now that I have had my fill of the kids candy, it is time to get to my favorite holiday. The one where the whole family gets together and fight over the last piece of sweet potato pie. That's right, Turkey Day.

I love eating the bird and gorging myself on deviled eggs and Grandma's famous pecan pie. I also teach my kids the meaning behind Thanksgiving. Now, you are probably asking, "Great! What is his problem with Thanksgiving?" Not a (expletive deleted) thing.

This is my problem: Thanksgiving is the only major (expletive deleted) holiday that the stores seem to forget. How are my children supposed to concentrate on the meaning of giving thanks if the first thing they see in the store after Halloween is (expletive deleted) Christmas stuff. What about the spirit of Thanksgiving?

I know we have the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade and the anticipated Dallas Cowboy game, but it is the stores that seem to have forgotten about it. All they can think about is getting their Christmas (expletive deleted) out on the rack. This means when I take my kids to the store to get prepared for the famous Thanksgiving Day celebrations, all I hear is "Daddy I want this, and that, and this, and that." Give me a (expletive deleted) break.

Where are all the Thanksgiving decorations? My kids make turkeys and paint pictures of Indians and Pilgrims at school. I think the stores should at least have some kind of decorations and activities we can do as families for this delicious holiday. I want some (expletive deleted) things to do with

the kids to better help them understand this wonderful holiday.

Thanksgiving is one the select few American holidays we celebrate, yet it gets very little exposure in stores except for the deal directly with interior design. I mean really, if you think about it, most of the other holidays actually have ulterior motives for celebrating. Christmas is for the gifts, Fourth of July is for the fireworks, and St. Patrick's day is for drinking. What do we do for Thanksgiving? We give our thanks for the people around us and everything that we have.

Before you start using expletive deleted phrases and gestures toward me, I know that a lot of people celebrate these holidays for their intended purposes and not just for material things. But come on! Christmas has fifty cartoons and hundreds of movies while Thanksgiving has Charlie Brown. For those of you who really want to know what Thanksgiving is about, watch that (expletive deleted) cartoon. Linus knows his stuff.

I love all holidays, and I enjoy celebrating them. I love watching my kids decorating for whatever holiday, and I always try to teach them the true meaning of them. Christmas is not about presents. Halloween is not about candy. For us Irish however, St. Patrick is not about green (expletive deleted) beer. This is why all holidays need the same amount of exposure.

So what I say is "Stand up and let's give jolly old Kris Kringle the bird. Give me my (expletive deleted) Turkey Day a moment in the sunshine." Stand up with your cranberry sauce in hand, and give Thanksgiving a chance.

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adult education class. Get your GED before you put the troops down because we all know you will be mowing one's lawn in a few years based on how amazingly well thought-out your songs are.

Now, if these examples do not make you

want to yell "Really?" I simply do not know what will. Time to get off this soapbox, but next time you want to lavish over these celebrities or others, just remember the nonsense they are wrapped up in continuously. It is time for Hollywood to get a life.

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"I couldn't really tell you what the name was...every night we would sing a song before I went to bed; he would play the guitar, and we would both sing." Hernandez' grandfather had passed away when she was seven years old, and she has kept him in her thoughts as well as in her art. Her peacock painting shows of how she had got her inspiration.

"My grandpa [had] passed away, and I wanted to do a painting that would remind me of him," said Hernandez. "...and I used the real feathers to resemble what we use to do together."

All students and faculty will be able to view the art walk in the Art Department corridor in Jenkins from Oct. 24 through Nov. 18.

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learning from experts in their profession is priceless."

Students are required to keep a journal that logs their experiences prior to and throughout their New York adventure.

Participants decide on their own how spend their free time exploring New York. Crawford encourages them to prepare and plan for plenty of sight-seeing. "On our first free day I planned to go see 'The Phantom of the Opera,'" said Klauser.

Although this trip is given for school credit, it is not only open to students. "People from all walks of life have been on this trip. It's much more affordable than planning it yourself, and if you're not taking it for class credit,

you are free to go by your own schedule," said Crawford.

Trip prices vary from \$2,400-\$2,700 depending on how many occupy a room. For those interested in taking the course for credit, paying for tuition is required. Payment plans are available.

As a new strategy to help students raise money for their trip, Dr. Crawford put together a "Work Crew." People can list odd-jobs they need done, such as housekeeping and organizing. Those on the Work Crew will fill the jobs, and the money they make will go towards their trip.

Contact Dr. Crawford for more information: dcra@tjc.edu or 903-510-2678.

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In conclusion, I will have to give this movie a three out of five chips. While it was certainly pleasant to see some old friends back in business like Eddie Murphy and Matthew Broderick, I hated to see Ben Stiller churn out yet another less-than-his-best flick. However,

I would recommend "Tower Heist" to anyone who is up for an experience with plenty of laughs and a case of foul play you will not soon forget.

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## TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

TJC topples No. 1 Blinn, set to play Navarro for conference championship



Photo by Adam Peterson

**GOING FOR THE RING:** Above: Ryan Young forces his way down field for extra yardage. Young compiled 150 yards on 33 carries against Blinn, and is expected to be a key running back for the Apaches as they travel to Corsicana in hopes of winning their first conference championship since the year 2000.

## Apache football is Corsicana bound

TJC (7-3) looks to avenge previous loss to Navarro

### FOOTBALL

By Adam Peterson  
Sports Editor

"Defense wins championships" is a phrase nothing short of a cliché in the football world, but for head coach Danny Palmer and the Tyler Junior College Apache football team, defense has given them an opportunity to win their first conference championship since the year 2000.

The Apaches shocked the world, or at least East Texas last Saturday as they traveled to Bryan and defeated the number one ranked Blinn Buccaneers in overtime, 37-34.

"Our offensive line dominated the game, and our defensive front played their best game all year. I couldn't use one guy

**"There was no single individual, it took everybody to win the game."**

-Danny Palmer  
Head Football Coach, Tyler Junior College

it was everybody. Everybody on the team contributed to that win," said Palmer.

TJC held the Bucs to a mere 123 yards of total offense, a significantly lower number than what the previously undefeated team was accustomed to generating. Even more surprising is that the Apaches managed to stop Blinn's high scoring offense in their own backyard.

Without a shadow of a doubt, this win will carry an ample amount of momentum and confidence as TJC ventures to Corsicana in hopes of avenging their controversial, regular-season loss to the Navarro College Bulldogs.

"We want to get back at them really bad because they're

in between us getting a ring," said Hunter Hogan, offensive lineman for the Apaches, who continued on to say that good preparation in practice has been vital to their recent victories. "These past two weeks we've had the best practices since I've been here."

In week three, TJC lost a heartbreaker to Navarro, 34-22. The Apaches faltered primarily due to excessive injuries, penalties, and turnovers, three catalysts that the Apaches have played without in the Blinn game last weekend.

"We didn't have any turnovers, which is a big key," said Palmer. "Our morale is high, we're playing with a lot of confidence, we're healthy; which we were not earlier in the year, when we played Trinity Valley and Navarro the first time. We've dismissed some people from the team who were not 'team' members. We have a young team. They believe in the coaches and one another, and they're close."

Palmer says that the Apaches will prepare for their upcoming conference championship game the same exact way they do every week, which includes spending countless hours in the weight room, on the practice field, and in the film room.

While defense is key, TJC has many offensive weapons to keep Navarro off-balance as well. For starters, TJC had nine players to carry the ball for positive yards in the victory against Blinn. Ryan Young was described as the "bell cow" of the runningbacks by Coach Palmer, racking up 150 yards on 33 carries against the Bucs. O'Bryan Washington, Ryan Black, Rodney Hall, Javante Mack, Tyriq Rollison, Brian Eurysthee, and Randy Price collectively added an additional 206 yards. Chason White scored the game-winning, 1-yard touchdown run in overtime.

With such diversity in the running game and a catabolic defense at Palmer's disposal, the Apaches are surely a force to be reckoned with in the post-season. They travel to Corsicana to face Navarro for the conference championship game at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 13, at Tiger Stadium.

## TJC is rocking Wagstaff

### BASKETBALL

By Yliana Castro  
Staff Writer

As the 2011-12 basketball season begins, spectators await to see what TJC's basketball teams have to offer. After months of training, both teams have come prepared not only to maintain the reputation that already precedes them, but also to exceed everyone's expectations for them this season.

While most athletic teams have a "star" player that stands out from the others, Mike Marquis, men's head basketball coach, thinks the contrary when it comes to his team.

"In our system, it's kind of unique (in a sense) that you better look out for all of them. We have Johnson (6-5,W) that gets a little more attention because he's a local athlete but there's none of our 12 players that we don't think of as a valuable commodity," said Marquis.

Trenia Jones, women's head basketball coach, did however, have a few players in mind that the public should look out for.

"Markisha Hawkins (5-8,G). She's All-American player, All-Conference and All-Region. She had the option to leave TJC and play for a D-I school after year one but chose to come back. Cecilia Akoye is a 6-1 kid that can jump out of the gym and plays post. Ashley Benjamin (5-9,fwd), who is just a workhorse and will out work anyone on the floor. Shawnee Johnson (5-7), a left handed point guard is so verbal, and I think is capable of taking the role of being a leader in the team," said Jones.

Both teams have several returning players this season. Marquis believes that sophomores shouldn't feel obligated to take on more responsibility than already given to them and obligates the coaching staff to take on the leadership role.

"There's a lot of ways to lead. You can lead vocally and by example. We haven't really pushed them to lead. We ask them to do their jobs...they're all young at the junior college level. We haven't really asked them to do anything that they're not capable of," said Marquis.

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### Football

November 13, 3 p.m. @ Navarro College (SWJCFC Championship game)

### Men's Soccer

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### Women's Soccer

Nov. 17-20, NJCAA National Tournament @ Phoenix, AZ

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Nov. 11, 8 p.m. vs. Weatherford College  
Nov. 12, 7 p.m. vs. Texas Southern University-Club  
Nov. 15, 6 p.m. vs. Northwestern State- JV  
Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m. vs. Houston CC- Southwest

### Women's Basketball

Nov. 11, 4 p.m. vs. Weatherford College  
Nov. 12, 3 p.m. vs. Collin County CC  
Nov. 14, 6 p.m. vs. Mountain View College  
Nov. 22, 5:30 p.m. @ Panola College



## COLUMN

## TURF BURNS

By Adam Peterson  
Sports Editor

## Price Tag Players

The average ticket price to watch the New York Giants football team is \$332.82. Let's take a moment to process that lovely piece of information. It has been brought to my attention that there is no end in sight to these escalating ticket prices, and now professional athletic events have become sporting entertainment for the socially elite. The buck doesn't quite stop there either. After scavenging up your life savings for a chance to finally see your favorite team play, you also have to fork over both your kidneys and a lung just for one eight-ounce bottle of water and a 100-calorie bag of Cracker-Jacks. As if that weren't enough, it seems like everybody sitting around you in the nosebleed section, is ALWAYS taller than you. How does that happen?

It's obvious at this point that the people behind this price-gouging swindle are definitely reeling in a profit, but recently it seems like every time I watch ESPN, there's a new lockout or a millionaire-playboy athlete complaining about not making enough money. I would actually PAY the NFL to let me play! If Jerry Jones doesn't want to pay his players extra because he doesn't think they deserve it, then good. A few thousand dollars out of their pockets won't put them on the streets, but when teams have down seasons, why do ticket prices still go up? I don't care if the Cowboys Stadium is a man-made wonder of the world. If they can't win a game with a 20-point lead in the fourth quarter, I'm not going to drop a \$100 dollars to surround myself with a bunch of crying Romosexuals and spend the rest of my day fighting Dallas traffic. I can be just as upset watching them lose in the comfort of my studio apartment.

Let's do a little math here. MetLife Stadium, host to the New York Jets and Giants, seats 82,566 fans, with an average ticket price of \$332.82. That means that with every sold-out home game, the Giants pocket roughly \$27.5 million. That's not even including concessions. They play eight home games a year, generating approximately \$220 million in a season, and they're complaining about not having enough to pay their players?

Now don't get me wrong, I do not endorse the player's point of view by any extent either. They all make more than enough to live off of, and with so many millionaire athletes in the world; you'd think you'd see a few more philanthropists out there as well.

Here is where I take issue with the owners: the players are the epicenter of the sports marketing world, without them, the owners are worthless, and there are no sporting events period. That being said, an athlete's pay should never be docked without just cause. And if the owners revoke an athlete's salary because they claim they're "not making enough profit," then by all means, get Brady, Brees, and Manning to file a lawsuit. I would, too.

Lust for money is the root of all evil, and unfortunately, it has become the gravitational object around which all professional sports orbit today.

Shout out to Jessie J for her song "Price-Tag", which inspired me to write this column. No sarcasm at all.

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Jones on the other hand, feels that the women's basketball team would benefit from upperclassmen leadership.

"They're learning their leadership role. We lost a star point guard that was a great leader in work ethics and verbally, and nobody has come in to take that leadership spot," said Jones. "We're waiting for that one player to say, 'I'm going to take the team on my shoulder and I'm going to lead them in the right direction.'"

When it comes to how freshman are adjusting to competing in the college level, both coaches agreed that athletes are meeting their expectations.

"It's quite interesting with 10 freshmen. For some of them, the transition has been easy and they're competitive everyday and for some it's been more difficult, but they're improving everyday. It's like a roller coaster. There are some slow parts, some fast parts and some fun parts. Overall, they have done well," said Marquis.

After being eliminated at the Region XIV Tournament last season, coaches are confident that both teams have enough talent to ensure a successful season.

"It's going to be game by game. We've got one of the best conferences, both men and women. You have to come to play. We have a history in Tyler that when a team beats us, it's almost like if had they won a national title. It's tradition. For some teams, that's as close as they'll get to winning a national title," said Jones.

The men's team has already begun showing improved skills by defeating Southwestern Christian College, a team they lost to last season.

"We're probably one of the youngest out of the 14 schools, with the most freshman...it'll come down to how we play together and how close games go. In our league, the best teams

win the games decided by two possessions. If we win those, we could have a great year," said Marquis.

Being able to work as a team is something Marquis feels is a major asset in order to have a successful season.

"Everyone would love to be the shining star. One of the quotes we stand by is 'Are you willing to be happy for a teammate's success?' It's actually posted in our locker room," said Marquis "Once we get that with our talent, we could really be something special. It's a work in progress."

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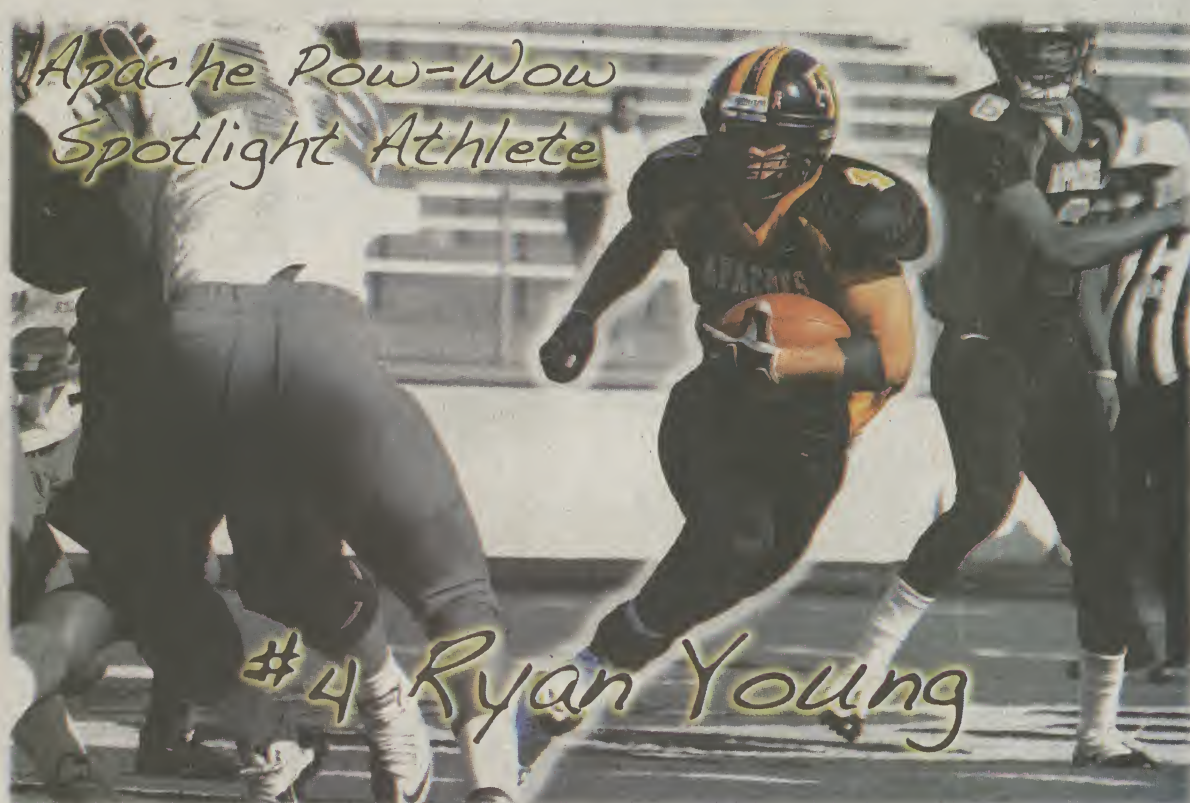


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- Complete a minimum of 48 hours of approved community service, documented through the Honors office
- Maintain a 3.3 GPA

Any student interested  
in registering for Honors courses  
should meet with Ms. Mandy Palmer,  
the Honors Program Coordinator,  
who can be reached at  
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# MEET MARY

Class of 2013



**M**ary, an Honors College student studying biology, came to Texas A&M University-Commerce to take advantage of the Honors College full-ride scholarship and to pursue her dream of becoming a neuroscientist.

For Mary, the Honors College presents many great opportunities that can help her as she strives toward her goals. Because she plans to attend medical school after graduation, she is especially interested in writing the required Honors College thesis to add to her résumé.

Along with the academic benefits, Mary enjoys being part of the close-knit A&M-Commerce community and getting to know her professors on a personal level.

"Both the Commerce community and the university are relatively small," Mary said. "And the small class sizes allow students an opportunity to develop close student/teacher relationships."

"My first semester I was only taking plant biology, so I didn't have a strong vocabulary in genetics and neurology," Mary said. "In genetics specifically, gel electrophoresis, separating DNA genes based upon their sizes, is extremely important. Here at A&M-Commerce, it was one of the first things I got to do."

**Major:** Biology (pre-med)

**Career goals:** plans to attend medical school and work in the field of infectious disease or neurology

**Favorite class:** Animal Biology

**Favorite professor:** Dr. Michael Hanna

**Favorite book:** *Harry Potter* series

**Interesting facts:** member of the Honors College, working on an undergraduate research project involving Mast syndrome, a neurodegenerative disease



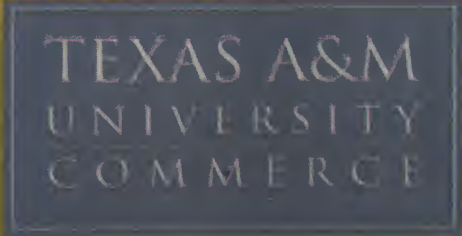
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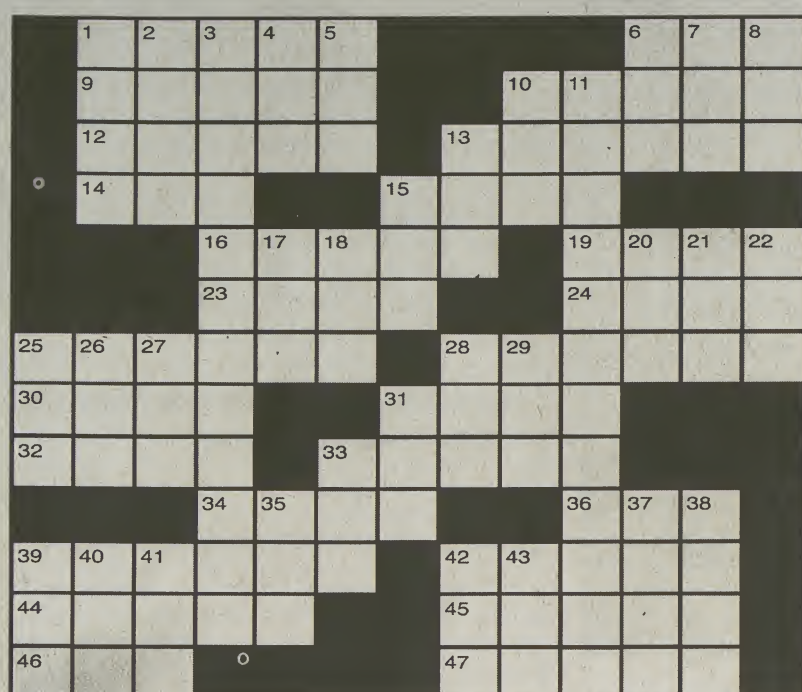




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by Jacqueline E. Mathews



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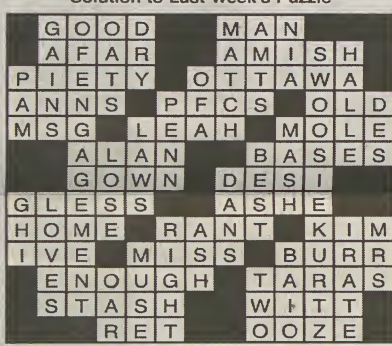
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- 25 Series set in a Boston bar
- 28 "\_\_\_ Camera"; Allen Funt's series
- 30 Mineo's namesakes
- 31 "\_\_\_ White and the Seven Dwarfs"
- 32 "Whose Line \_\_\_ Anyway?"
- 33 Company that makes toy trucks
- 34 Sherman Hemsley sitcom
- 36 Titles for Columbo and others: "abbr."
- 39 "American Idol" winner \_\_\_ Underwood
- 42 Simon of "The Mentalist"

- 44 "God \_\_\_ America"; song sung by Kate Smith
- 45 Sheep's cry
- 46 Actor \_\_\_ Caesar
- 47 Waitress on "Cheers"

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- 2 Designer \_\_\_ Cassini
- 3 "Dancing \_\_\_"
- 4 "\_\_\_ Sam"; Sean Penn/Michelle Pfeiffer movie
- 5 WNW plus 180°
- 6 One of John Boy's brothers
- 7 Fall month: abbr.
- 8 Pigpen
- 10 Long, long time
- 11 Role on "Brothers & Sisters"
- 13 "\_\_\_ Meets World"
- 15 Actress Charlotte \_\_\_
- 17 Rower's item
- 18 Titles for Meredith Grey and Alex Karev: abbr.
- 20 "The \_\_\_ Couple"
- 21 Accessory for Don Ho
- 22 "American \_\_\_!"
- 25 "\_\_\_ Miami"
- 26 "Rumor \_\_\_ It..."; movie for Jennifer Aniston
- 27 Wallach or Marienthal
- 28 "Larry King Live" network
- 29 In fine shape, for short
- 31 "Sanford and \_\_\_"
- 33 Golf ball holder
- 35 Prefix for place or understand
- 37 Dark greenish blue
- 38 Miss; in Mexico: abbr.
- 39 "\_\_\_ Evening News with Katie Couric"
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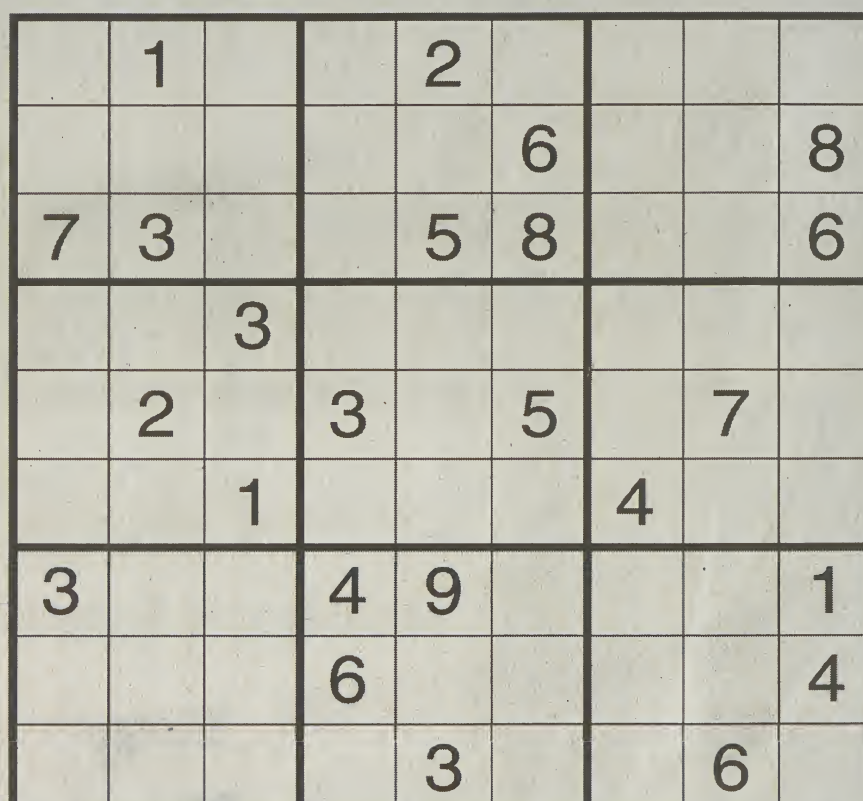
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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FLU

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"You cannot get the flu from it. It's a dead vaccine," said Eijnsink.

There are many ways the flu can spread. However, the most common way of getting the flu is by not practicing good hygiene.

"Wash your hands when you use the bathroom—don't flush and rush," said Shaquentha Griggs, a nursing major at TJC. "Students need to carry plenty of hand sanitizer."

Students can also get the flu by sharing drinks, kissing, and being in a closed environment with a lot of people.

Stephen Crow, a student at TJC, explained how some students share their drinks and kiss their significant others who may have the virus. He believes that it would be great if all of the classes had tissues available for the students.

Eijnsink explained that when the weather gets cold, people have the tendency to stay inside more often and sit around talking together, shaking hands more, and breathing in each other's germs.

The main thing that separates the flu from the common cold is how fast it affects the human body.

"The flu hits your body fast, but the cold takes a lot longer to affect your body," said Lori Black, a nurse practitioner at TJC.

If a TJC student has the flu, the student is immediately put on free anti-viral medicines provided by the school and sent home for at least a week.

"We have a mandatory quarantine time where students have to stay home for at least a week, and we notify all the teachers that the student has the flu," said Eijnsink.

According to [www.imunize.org](http://www.imunize.org), the key symptoms for the flu are fever and chills, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, cough, headache, and a runny or stuffy nose. These symptoms can leave a person feeling miserable.

Griggs said, "I felt bad, I had to stay in bed a lot because of the flu."

If a student experiences any flu-like symptoms, it is important to seek medical attention immediately.

For more information about the flu and the flu vaccine, please call the TJC Clinic located on the second floor of the Rogers Student Center 903-510-2803.

VETERANS

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Psychological, genetic, physical, and social factors are involved. PTSD changes the body's response to stress. It affects the stress hormones and chemicals that carry information between the nerves (neurotransmitters). It is not known why traumatic events cause PTSD in some people but not others. Having a history of trauma may increase your risk for getting PTSD after a recent traumatic event.

Hicks is one of the many veteran students returning to TJC. He went into service when he was 20 years old had 10 weeks of basic training in Fort Jackson, S.C. He served for 12 months, came home and served 15 more months before he was honorably discharged and able to return home for good.

"When you get back and serve two terms like I did, you have respect having known that you went through war, and the benefits you receive after seem beneficial," said Hicks.

Although soldiers are made ready for combat, there are still those who feel that is preparation for war focuses on the physical.

"I feel that no matter how much physical training our

**"I'm a combat veteran so I understand a lot of what they have been through."**

- Mike Collins  
Veterans Coordinator

soldiers receive, it is only that, physical training. They can never be truly prepared for the emotional affects of war or battle. Personally, I feel that sometimes it can take a person longer to heal from emotional scars than from the physical ones," said Roshonda Loftin, staff technician for Veterans Affairs.

TJC has several returning veterans every semester and offers benefits to veterans in order to make their education a smoother transition.

"The benefits we offer from the college standpoint is, we have a faculty student mentoring program, and we can offer placement tests exception. In other words, they don't have to take the acuplacer test if they give me a copy of their 214," said Mike Collins, Veterans Coordinator. "Depending on what benefits they are entitled to they can get anywhere from a monthly allowance, a housing allowance, or a books and supplies stipend that all comes as an entitlement because they served."

Collins isn't the only faculty veteran on campus who understands the transition from military to civilian life can be hard.

"I'm a veteran, so although I'm a little bit older and may have not been in Iraq or Afghanistan, I'm a Vietnam veteran. I'm a combat veteran so I understand a lot of what they have been through," said Collins.

"If you're 19 years old, and you got out of high school, and you went into the service. And you've been deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq, and you've seen some things that you probably shouldn't have at that age. Then you come back and all of a sudden you're thrown into an education setting, with no experience," said Collins.

Collins is located in the White Administration Admissions Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Returning veterans are welcome to speak to Collins in order to begin enrollment and for mentoring. His number is (903) 510-3750.

SOCCER

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The men's soccer team has proven they never give up when faced with adversity.

"We have twenty-four players, and all twenty-four of them could be the starters," said Ashley Reece, sophomore center midfielder from Manchester.

This team has a lot of returning sophomores, who are hungry for another national championship.

"We've won the last two years, I think we have a good enough squad to win it again," said Iko De Oliveira.

As for the women's team, depth is hardly an issue at all, and they plan on using their depth as an effective weapon in the national championship tournament.

For the third consecutive year in a row they have also won the District E Championship and are now ranked first in the nation.

"This is just a special group of girls. We are the best team in the country," said Corey Rose, head coach of the women's soccer team.

Rose continued to explain that there are not many teams that have appeared in the National Tournament

**"We are the only team that has a clean record."**

- Lauren Emmerson  
Center Attacking Midfield Tyler Junior College

three years in a row. He also emphasized that this team was only established four years ago.

"We are the only team that has a clean record," said sophomore center attacking midfielder Lauren Emmerson from Scotland.

This team works together and always unites together during the games.

"This team never gives up, we pick each other up," said Cayla Cortez, sophomore outside midfielder from Dallas.

A lot of the team members were filled with joy after they won their last game.

"I almost cried," said Jahmela Williams, freshman forward from Las Vegas and also the leading scorer with 21 goals and two assists.

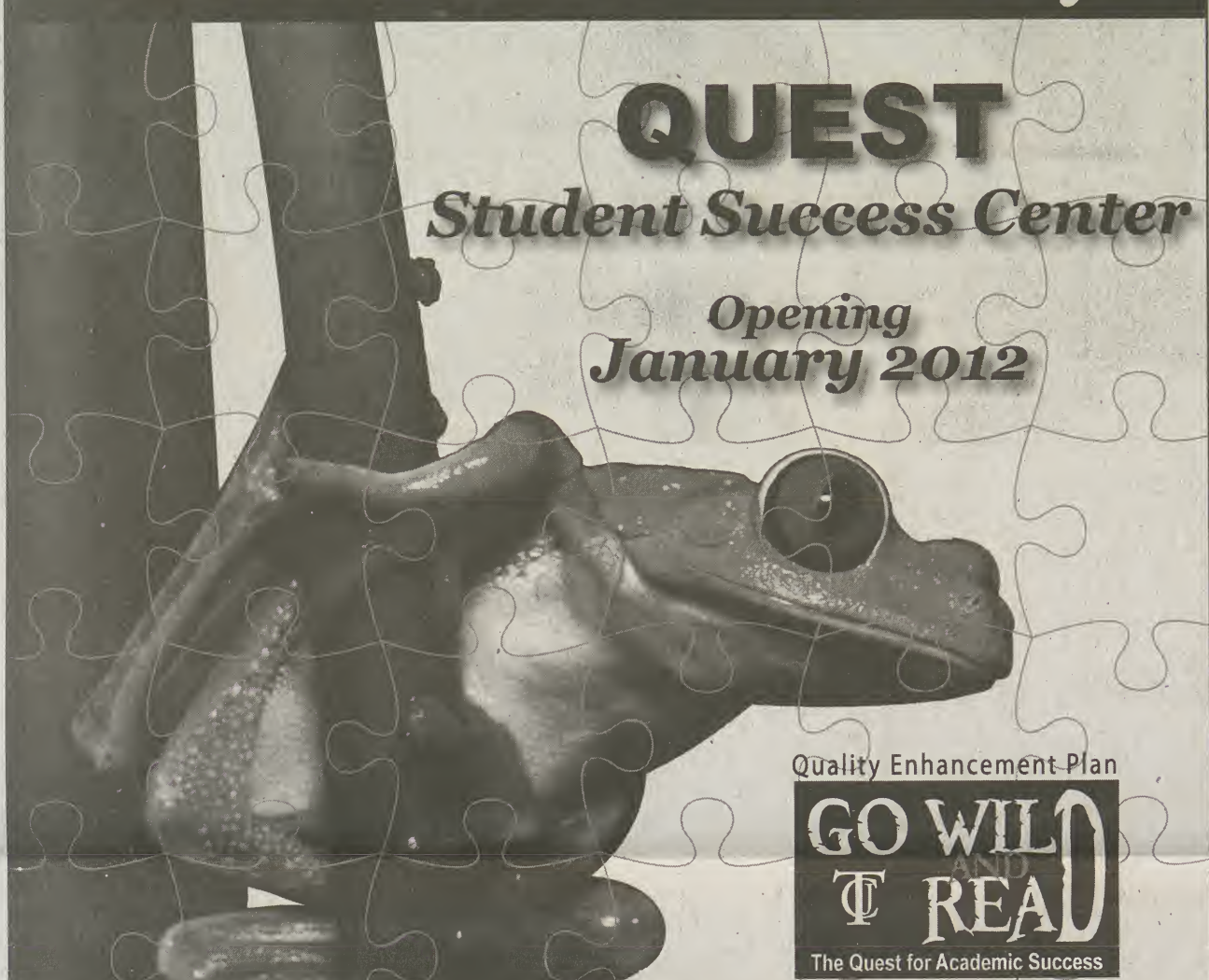
The men and women are going into this next game confident that they will return from nationals victorious.

"We are going to win it all—trust me," said the freshman attack midfielder Victor France from Brazil.

The Lady Apaches will face the 17-6 Waubensee Community College Lady Chiefs at Viera Regional Park in Melbourne, Fla. on Nov. 17.

The men's team will face the 12-3-3 College of Southern Maryland Hawks at the Reach 11 Sports Complex in Phoenix, Ariz. on Nov. 17.

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